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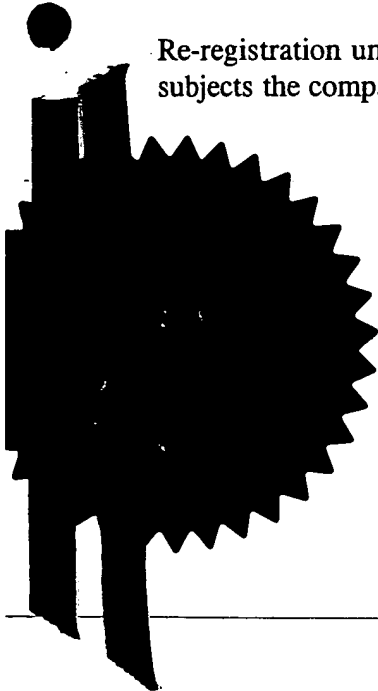
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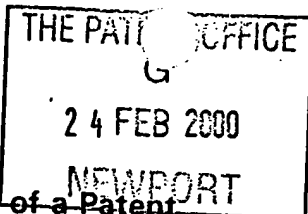
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Carrier Mount

5 The present invention relates to a carrier mount and particularly to a carrier mount for personal effects such as personal electronic apparatus including, but not limited to, mobile phones, personal stereo players and other audio apparatus to be used when exercising on exercise apparatus.

10 Personal disc and tape players are known which are provided with means of a attachment to the person of a user. Likewise, mobile phone carriers are well known. Such arrangements are often used during exercise. Such players and carriers are typically clipped to a users belt or waistband.

15 An improved arrangement has now been devised.

20 According to a first aspect, the invention provides a carrier mount for a personal electronic device, which carrier mount comprises:

25 i) a pouch shaped and dimensioned to hold the device, and having a opening through which the device may be introduced into the interior of the pouch; and,

30 ii) securing means for releasably securing the pouch to a frame member comprising exercise apparatus, the securing means including a collar arranged to secure around the frame member.

The invention enables the device (e.g. mobile phone, audio player, etc) to be securely attached to the frame of an exercise machine (such as a jogging machine or a cycle frame) rather than attached to the person of the user.

5 This enables the controls of the device to be accessed more conveniently during exercise (and, particularly for disc players, track jumping during vigorous exercise to be reduced or prevented). The carrier mount also exhibits further advantageous features as described herein.

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The pouch is preferably flexible, and/or of water resistant or waterproof material. Desirably the pouch is padded or quilted to minimise the risk of impact or shock damage to the electronic device.

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Closure means is preferably provided for substantially closing the mouth of the pouch when the device is received in the interior of the pouch. The closure means may comprise zipper arrangement or, alternatively any other means of holding the mouth of the pouch in a closed condition.

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The pouch is preferably provided with a further pocket either internally or, more preferably externally of the pouch. The pocket is beneficially sealable, typically by means of a zipper arrangement or the like.

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Means is preferably provided for permitting an electrical connection lead (for headphones, earplugs or the like) to extend into the interior of the pouch when the mouth is substantially closed. In one embodiment this may be

achieved by the closure means for closing the mouth being configured to define or permit a relatively small aperture or gap permitting the connection lead to extend therethrough. In an alternative embodiment an aperture
5 preformed in the pouch may perform this function.

The collar portion of the securing means is preferably arranged to be positioned adjacent a wall of the pouch. Means is preferably provided for ensuring a tight fit of
10 the collar about the tubular frame element of the exercise apparatus. The collar is preferably therefore tightenable about the tubular frame element, and also preferably subsequently loosenable to permit removal of the securing means from the tubular frame.

15 In one embodiment, the securing means may comprise a rigid or spring tightenable collar bracket (which may be a split collar), desirably having means for selectively altering the effective collar diameter to permit tightening and/or
20 loosening.

In an alternative embodiment, the securing means may comprise a flexible element (such as a length of webbing or the like) arranged to pass over the tubular frame element.
25 Typically in such an embodiment the flexible element length will be connected proximate a first end to the pouch and releasably connected proximate a second end to the pouch. The releasable connection will beneficially be by means of a quick release fastening arrangement, such as a popper,
30 stud or VELCRO type connection.

5 permitting the split collar 7 to be located around a tubular frame member of a selected exercise apparatus. The collar is then contracted by manual manipulation of actuator 7 to contract and clamp securely on the tubular frame element of the exercise apparatus. Other collar arrangements are envisaged (such as a flexible web material length passing against the frame member), however the secure clamping of the expandable/contractible collar is preferred.

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The carrier mount of the invention enables a user to securely mount audio apparatus to exercise apparatus, whilst enabling unfettered use as normal. The waterproof (or at least water resistant) skin of the pouch is particularly useful for gym situations in which perspiration is particularly prevalent. The padded or quilted nature of the pouch also guards against shock or impact damage to the audio apparatus.

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It will be appreciated that the invention has been described in an exemplary embodiment for use with an audio device. It will however be readily apparent that the invention encompasses use with other devices, particularly other personal electronic devices such as mobile phones and the like.

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Fig 2

